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**Re: Second Request for Information  
Wilcox Oil Superfund Site  
Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma**

Dear Mr. Banipal:

Please be advised that I am in receipt of your letter dated January 5, 2016 constituting a Second Request for Information from Kinder Morgan, Inc. ("Kinder Morgan") pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA with respect to the Wilcox Oil Superfund Site in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. As your letter reflects, Kinder Morgan responded to EPA's initial Request for Information under my cover letter of January 7, 2013, which was date stamped received by EPA on January 8, 2013.

The Second Request for Information in your January 5, 2016 letter contains the following question:

If the EPEC Oil Liquidating Trust still continues to exist, please state the current net worth of the trust and the dollar value of any assets or monies that may have been distributed from the trust.

The answer to this question is as follows:

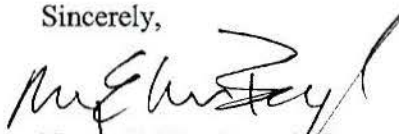
The EPEC Oil Liquidating Trust (the "Trust") does continue to exist and to pay Plan Obligations including Plan Claims as those terms are defined in the EPEC Oil Company Liquidating Trust Agreement (the "Trust Agreement") (previously produced under Bates Nos. KMI0000179-208). Under the Trust Agreement, Plan Claims were required to be submitted in advance of the Claims Assertion Date, which was defined to

be December 18, 2008 and which was ten years after the dissolution of EPEC Oil Company (the "Company"). In addition to utilizing certain recoveries from insurance policies and other rights and claims of the Company or the Trust to satisfy Plan Claims, the Trust has arranged for the payment of Plan Claims by way of the agreement by El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co. ("EPTP") to pay Plan Obligations on behalf of the Trust or to transfer an amount to the Trust sufficient to pay Plan Obligations. (See Undertaking Agreement entered into among EPEC Oil Company, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, EPTP and the Trust, dated March 9, 2001, Bates Nos. KMI0000616-28). EPTP's aforementioned obligation is capped at \$93 million. Ibid.

A precise calculation of the Trust's historical payments and reserves for Plan Obligations remains subject to review, audit, accounting and reconciliation and is not currently known. However, based on currently available information, we estimate that the Trust has paid and reserved for future payment approximately \$68.6 Million in Plan Obligations. Please note that this is a good faith estimate, that the estimate is subject to revision based on such factors as future claims experience and the continuing evaluation of reserves, and that we will supplement this response if new or revised information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (303) 914-4634 or at [nancy\\_vanburgel@kindermorgan.com](mailto:nancy_vanburgel@kindermorgan.com). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Marvin Benton, Esq., Senior Counsel, EPA  
(Via E-Mail)